

ABSTRACT

A packaged beverage with a green tea extract mixed therein, comprising the following ingredients (A) and (B):

(A) from 0.01 to 1.0 wt% of non-polymer catechins, and

(B) from 0.0001 to 20 wt%, in terms of equivalent glucose amount, and less than 0.05 wt%, in terms of equivalent fructose amount, of a carbohydrate,

wherein said beverage has a pH of from 2 to 6.

The packaged beverage contains catechins at high concentration, is reduced in bitterness and astringency and is suited for long-term drinking, is excellent in the stability of bitterness and astringency and also in the feeling as it passes down the throat, and further, remains stable in its color tone over a long term even when filled in a clear container and stored at high temperatures.